established itself as an ideal public sector unit in Assam through name rous welfare activities in the North-East?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b)Under the New 20 Point Programme and even before it, Guwahati Refinery and Oil India Management hav$_e$ been implementing numerous social welfare schemes for the benefit of the people mainly in their operational areas.

In the last six years, OIL has spent about Rs. 40 lakhs per year for the welfare of the public Under the Company's social obligations programme and special projects. OIL has constructed over 400 kms. of roads and 85 bridges in Upper Assam.

During the last three years, Guwahati Refinery has spent about Rs. 11.30 lakhs on the following activities: —

1. Health for All.
2. Two Child Norms.
3. Expansion of Education.
4. New Opportunities for Youth.
5. Protection of Environment etc.

**Companies registered under Companies Act**

567. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) what is the total number of companies registered under the Companies Act with a break-up showing the number of private companies and the,number of public companies and further companies having capital of less than I crore, between 1 crore and 5 crore and above 5 crore; and

(b) whether there is any proposal *to* simplify the Companies Act especially, with respect to small private Jfenitea companies in order to reduce the work-load on the Department of Company Affairs as well as to make the administration of the Act more effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE If THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE (MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): - (a) The total number of public and private companies limited by shares registered unde$_r$ the Companies Act, 1956, as on 31st December, 1987 was as under:—-

| | |
|---|---|
| Public Limited Companies | 18,260 |
| Private Limited Companies | 1,32,380 |
| TOTAL : | 1,50,620 |

Table below shows the number of companies at work as on 31-3-198G classified according to their paid $^{U}$P capital at the end of the accounting year ending! between .1.4.1985 and 31-3-1986, for which data have been analysed:

| Paid-up capital range | No. of companies |
|---|---|
| Less than Rs. 1 crore | 1,20,469 |
| Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 5 crores | 1,225 |
| Above Rs. 5 crores | 465 |
| TOTAL : | 1,2^159 |

(b) There is no such proposal.

**Central Investment Subsidy Schem* to promote- industrial, activity**

568. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government, have made any assessment of the functioning of the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme in promoting industrial activity in notified backward areas in the country;

(b) if so, what is the State-wise break up of industries promoted under this Scheme since its inception;

(c) what are the hurdles, if any, coming in the way for a greater success of the Scheme; and

(d) whether the Scheme has been extended beyond 31st March, 1088?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL - DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNA-CHALAM); (a) to (d) Industrialisation is a continuous process. The Central Investment Subsidy Scheme has proved useful in attracting entrepreneurs for setting up industries in industrially backward districts/ areas notified by the Central Government. Statements I, II and III showing the number of industrial licences, DGTD registrations and Dlicehsed Industries Registrations issued to the various States and Union Territories for setting up industries in industrially backward areas notified by the Central Government are attached [See Appendix CXLV1, Annexure No. 27]. The existing scheme is being extended till 30th September,' 1988.

**Humma Ganjam Salt Factory, Orissa**

569. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether he has received any complaint regarding harassment by the lease holder of Humma Ganjam ISalt Factory, Orissa, to the workers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been" taken of being taken by Government to stop such harassment to workers and to protect their rights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUS-" TRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) 'The salt workers of Ganjam Salt Factory under Modi Brothers, salt licensees had represented to the Salt Commissioner that their employers had violated the provisions of the wage agreement. There was a wage dispute between the" salt workers of Ganjam Salt "Factory aria Modi Bros. Workers represented by Ganjam District Salt Workers' Union did not accept the wage'increase of 25 per cent offer" ed by Modi Bros, and they had Abstained from work. The collector and District Magistrate, Ganjam, took a meeting of salt licensees and salt workers of Ganjam Salt Factory on 10th April, 1987 to settle the dispute-on wage increase. It was decided that salt workers who had abstained from work would be taken back. However, they had" to bear expenditure upto 75 per cent incurred by the salt licensees in connection with, the preliminary operations required to be carried out by salt workers in terms of wage contract, the balance 26 per cent being borne by the salt licensees. The deductions made were in accordance with the settlement arrived at in the presence of the Collector and District Magistrate, Ganjam, between salt workers and licensees on 10th April, 1987.

**Attempt to produce Actuator Valve in BBVL**

570. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to states

(a) whether it is a fact that Public Sector Undertakings such as BHEL, Atomic Energy Commission. NTPC. Fertilizer Corporation etc. have shown interest in the development of Valve Actuator in Bharat Brakes and Valves Co. Ltd., Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not making attempt to produce Actuator Valve in BBVL despite possessing the capacity and technology to do the same ?